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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 24, 2000,
Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
Filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/138,429
Filing Date	August 24, 1998
First Named Inventor	Hashim
Group Art Unit	1745
Examiner Name	Mercado, J.
Attorney Docket Number	AMAT/2406.X1/CPES/DT/JPS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTC/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. Consider the arguments in the appeal brief or Reply brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1074/2406.X1/CPES/DT/PJS

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) \$710.00

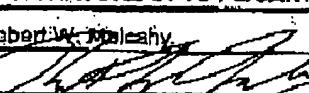
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other 1.17(l) Suspension of Action fee of \$130.00 Under 1.103(e).

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

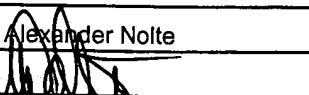
c. Payment by credit card

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited on September 12, 2001 with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing label No. EL 849164179 US addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231..

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